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SUBJECT: ASYLUM FOR ETHIOPIANS

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- 1. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ASKED FOR ASYLUM BY ANY ETHIOPIAN DIPLOMATS PRESENT IN RABAT. HOWEVER, TWO RELATED INCIDENTS INVOLVING ETHIOPIAN DIPLOMATS HERE MAY BE OF INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES.
- 2. FORMER ETHIOPIAN CHARGE, MOHAMED SALHI YASSIN, APPROACHED AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1976 FOR ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING LOCAL EMPLOYMENT WITH US FIRM (ADDRESSEES WERE SENT MEMCONS). HE EXPRESSED FEAR FOR HIS AND HIS FAMILY'S LIVES IF THEY RETURNED, AS INSTRUCTED, FOLLOWING 10 YEARS AT POST. YASSIN IS AN ERITREAN. WE UNDERTOOK TO FACILITATE HIS INTRODUCTION TO US BUSINESSMEN. AT LAST REPORT, YASSIN WAS STILL LIVING IN THE ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY RESIDENCE WITH THE NEW ETHIOPIAN CHARGE.
- 3. NEW CHARGE, HAILU AFEWORK, CONFIDED HIS OWN FEARS TO US RECENTLY OVER INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD RECEIVED TO RETURN TO CONFIDENTIAL

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ADDIS. HE SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED WITH EVIDENT RELIEF THAT WHEN HE HAD CABLED HIS GOVERNMENT FOR TICKET, AN ANSWER HAD BEEN SENT BACK TELLING HIM THAT ONLY AMBASSADORS WERE BEING RECALLED AND THAT HE NEED NOT RETURN.

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